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COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

March 10, 2016

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification changes to Area No. 54-H, Chandler River to Roque Island (Jonesport, Jonesboro, Roque Bluffs). This change creates new Restricted areas in Black Head (Roque Bluffs) and south of Great Bar (Jonesport) due to water quality no longer meeting approved standards. All existing pollution and red tide/PSP closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Prohibited area(s):
 - 1. Chandler River (Jonesboro): north of a line beginning at the northwestern tip of Deep Hole Point running northwest to the southeastern tip of Kilton Point.
- B. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from the shores, flats and waters of the following Restricted area(s) without a special MDMR permit:
 - 1. Sanford Cove (Roque Bluffs): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 415 yards from the culvert on the Great Cove Road then running northwest to the southern shore of the mouth of an unnamed brook.
 - 2. Chandler River (Jonesboro): north of a line beginning at a red painted post approximately 220 yards south of Schoolhouse Point running east to the southwest tip of Evergreen Point; AND south of a line beginning at the northwestern tip of Deep Hole Point running northwest to the southeastern tip of Kilton Point.
 - 3. <u>Black Head (Roque Bluffs): east of a line starting at the southwest tip of Black Head (Roque Bluffs) and then running northwest to a red painted marker located on the shore approximately 230 yards northwest from the center of the first culvert on the Cow Point Road.</u>
 - 4. Great Bar (Jonesport): inside a rectangular boundary starting at a red painted post located on the shore approximately 270 yards from the intersection of Sea Haven Rd and Route 187 and extending east 100 yards offshore and then running north approximately 200 yards and then running west back to a red painted post located on the shore approximately 150 yards from the end of Sea Haven Rd.

If you have questions, please contact Angel Ripley or Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9515 or (207) 633-9535, Email: angel.ripley@maine.gov or Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov. During weekends/holidays, contact the appropriate State Police barracks: from New Hampshire border to Brunswick, barracks 1-800-228-0857; from Cushing/Boothbay to Lincolnville/Belfast area, barracks 1-800-452-4664; from Belfast to Canadian border, barracks 1-800-432-7381.

This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm . This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733).

Sincerely,

David W. Miller

Commissioner's Designee Eastern Maine Growing Area 12:25 PM (Effective Time)



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Chandler River to Roque Island (Jonesport, Jonesboro, Roque Bluffs)

